

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-16 remain pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 was amended by essentially incorporating the subject matter of claim 2. Claim 2 was accordingly cancelled. No new matter has been added.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Ohwa et al. This reference does not anticipate the presently claimed invention or make it obvious.

However, please note that claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2. As stated in the Office Action at page 2, section 3, claim 2 is allowable. Thus, with the incorporation of claim 2 into claim 1 (and cancellation of claim 2), claim 1 is allowable. Claims 3-16 directly or indirectly depend upon allowable claim 1 and thus claims 3-16 are allowable. All remaining claims 1 and 3-16, pending in this application, are allowable.

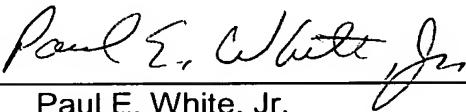
The applicants submit that all presently pending claims are fully allowable in view of the cited art.

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In view of the above and there being no further rejections or objections, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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